

THERE will be a repeat of last year's Berks and Bucks Senior Cup semi-final, when holders Wycombe Wanderers travel to Bracknell Town in the third round of the same competition on January 19, 1974.

Wanderers will not forget the fright handed out by Spartan Leaguers, Bracknell last term. With just two minutes of extra time remaining, at Larges Lane, Wycombe were trailing 2-1 when Tony Amos popped up to net the equaliser. In the replay at Loakes Park, the 'Blues' won 1-0 and went on to beat Slough by the same score in the final, with a goal from Keith Searle.

West Reading, the strong Berkshire side, will have to wait some time before they know their opponents in the third round tie. Chesham United and Marlow have still got to battle out their first round for the right to meet Wantage Town, and then the winners of this match will travel to West Reading, who recently qualified for the Senior Cup.

Ironically, there's another repeat of last year's other semi-final, as Slough Town meet Wokingham Town. Wokingham were unfortunate in the semi-final, missing a penalty and then losing by a solitary goal in extra time. Slough's defeat in last year's final cost them their third successive tie in the cup.

Chalfont St. Peter, thrashed 9-0 by Wycombe Wanderers in last year's quarter final, still have to beat Windsor and Eton in a second

Senior Cup: Bracknell v Wycombe — again!

round replay, if they are to visit either Abingdon Town or Maidenhead United.

IN the Amateur Cup, almost forgotten after Wycombe Wanderers' F.A. Cup exploits, drawn on Monday, the Blues were paired at home, against an Athenian League, Division One club, Hornchurch. It sounds a plumb draw but many Loakes Park regulars won't forget what happened last term in the same competition when they were licking their lips in anticipation of Chesham, also of the Athenian League. Wanderers lost that match in the first round 1-0.

A repetition of that is unlikely, however. Hornchurch, after a promising start to this year's campaign, have slipped to eighth in the

table with a record of P12, W6, D3, L3, F18, A14 for 15 points. Nevertheless, Hornchurch have got through four qualifying rounds with victories over Grays Athletic, Ford United, Rainham and Vauxhall Motors. They also held Sutton United to a draw before losing the replay in the F.A. Cup.

The club has not been without its troubles in the past. Only a year ago, Hornchurch hit the National headlines when the entire first team walked out after a dispute with manager Jimmy Quayle. Since then, they have built up a useful side under the guidance of manager Arthur Wenborn.

Another interesting Amateur Cup draw is the Dagenham v Walton

and Hersham clash. Dagenham recently won at Division Two leaders Tilbury and on home territory they could upset the now famous Walton side. One of the most intriguing ties is the Bishop's Stortford v Hayes match. Another all Isthmian draw sees Leatherhead at home to Enfield and Tooting taking on Sutton at Gander Green Lane.

WYCOMBE ARE WORRIED

PETERBOROUGH, the next Fourth Division side to try their hands at beating Wycombe Wanderers on the notorious slopes of Loakes Park, will be treated with the "utmost respect" by the Rothmans Isthmian League side.

Wycombe boss Brian Lee knows his players won't go into Saturday's F.A. Cup second round tie believing Peterborough will be as simple to dispose of as Newport in the last round.

"Most important thing is that we have got to face the Fourth Division top side," says Lee.

"They will obviously be facing us with that much extra confidence. And confidence is all important. They've probably got more at the moment than two thirds of the teams in the Third Division and those in the lower reaches of the Second Division.

"They've also got a highly respected manager in Noel Cantwell, who I know very well from our meetings on the same coaching courses.

"Peterborough are famous because of their F.A. Cup exploits,

which pushed them to the fore. They've got a tremendous tradition of cup fighting.

"They are an infinitely better side than Newport. It can't be harder for us, but we will do our best."

By MICHAEL MELANIPHY

WYCOMBE'S injury list rose to five yesterday when goalkeeper John Maskell pulled a thigh muscle in training for today's FA Cup-tie with Fourth Division leaders Peterborough.

Maskell is having intensive treatment, but if the injury does not respond his place goes to reserve Dave Wright, who stands by for his Cup debut.

The Isthmian League amateurs, are already without defenders Paul Birdseye and Derek Gambin and striker Keith Searle. Another defender, Ian Rundle, misses the match through illness.

Peterborough defenders Jeff Lee (hamstring) and Paul Walker (groin) are given no more than an even chance of playing by manager Noel Cantwell, who said yesterday: "I shall not risk either of them unless they are fully fit."

Wycombe Wanderers have nearly 4,500 tickets

left. Peterborough returned over 2,000 of their 4,500 allocation because of the rail work to rule.

Walton, who beat Brian Clough's Brighton, face their hardest task for years at Hereford. The Third Division side have not lost a tie to a team from a lower grade since their formation in 1924.

Hendon have worked on ways to contain John Charles, the ex-Leeds and Juventus star, who is player-manager with Cup rivals Merthyr Tydfil.

Irishman Jimmy Quail, Hendon's manager, said: "Even at 41, Charles is a bit lively. His headers are still lethal."

Cup draw today

BECAUSE of the energy crisis the Football Association decided to bring forward Monday's third-round Cup draw to this afternoon—to ease possible printing problems. Ties are on January 5.